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Proverbs 31

"A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
Her husband has full confidence in her
And lacks nothing of value.
She brings him good and not harm all the days
of her life.
She is clothed with strength and dignity;
She can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
And faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:
'Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.'
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."



Janet (Good) Swartzentruber (70; staff 72-81) of Plain City, OH, with Abigail (14), Rachel (12), and Esther (10).



Sandra (Hochstetler) Straits (84, 85) of Winona Lake, IN, with Stephen (8) and Danielle (3)



Rose (Troyer) Yoder (91) of Goshen, IN, with Malaina (4) and Jalen (2)



Diane (King) Yutzy (92, 93), of Kalona, IA, with Travis (3), Rachel (2), and Alex (1)



Melissa (Slagell) Detweiler (91) of Taylors, SC, with Hannah (7 months)



Sheryl (Gingerich) Hooley (91, 95) of Plain City, OH, with Vanya, (10 months)

In today's world of broken families,
RBI alumni are going against the trends
to create strong, godfearing homes.

CAREER FOCUS KEEPERS AT HOME

Snuggled in the hills of Iowa is a pretty gray house and a dairy/hog farm. Here the Bontragers live and raise their six children. "I have wanted to be a homemaker ever since I can remember," says **Becky (Stoltzfus) Bontrager (89)**. "My mother was a committed, stay-at-home mother for all of her nine children. I can't ever remember her complaining about all the cooking, cleaning, gardening, or laundry she had to do for my siblings and me." Raised in upstate New York, Becky had no idea she would live out her life on a farm in Iowa. Yet when she married **Marlin (87, 89)** in 1989, Iowa became her home.

Becky's favorite thing about being at home is the opportunity to be spontaneous. "I love to be able to go on walks to a nearby bridge, to have picnics in the front yard or family room, to read lots of books, to watch a toddler take a first step, to teach a child how to read. Sometimes I forget to appreciate the value of being at

home with our children." As she reflects on nine years of parenting, Becky would do a few things differently. "I would stay at home more, structure our days more, and read out loud more. I would also spend some of that 'spare time' I had back when I only had one or two children, studying and reading more of the Bible."



That spare time Becky misses is quickly taken up with the demands of homeschooling, cooking, gardening, caring for six children, and supporting her very busy husband. Together with two of his brothers, Marlin runs a dairy farm. He also has his own 2000-head hog nursery and is an artificial insemination distributor. In fact, if you want to read more about their farming life, they were featured in the June 1999 issue of *Farm and Ranch*.

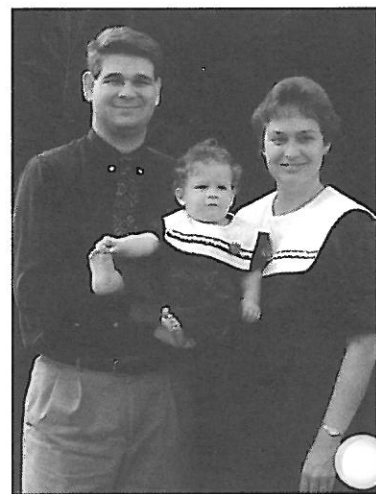
Marlin is also very involved in the job of child-rearing. "Marlin is the head of the household and does most of the training when he's home. My job is to keep up with the laundry, homeschool (Marlin is the principal), and to reinforce Marlin's training and to support his leadership when he's gone. When Marlin is home his special time with the children is bedtime. He's a great storyteller!"

Becky's advice to other stay-at-home moms is to "stay at home! I find it much easier to say no to a career than to actually stay at home! It is a myth that in order to be successful or important you must have a career outside the home."

Marlin and Becky have been married for 10 1/2 years and have six children: Chelsy (9), Mitchell (7), Allison (5), Carson (4), Joshua (2), and Denver (2 months). They attend Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church where Marlin is a Sunday School teacher and director of the Stewardship Campaign.

Pam (Smith) Detweiler (86) believed as a child that she would probably be married by age 20 and have at least two children by age 25. But God had other plans for her. She'd also always wanted to be a teacher. "With the encouragement of some wonderful teachers in the public high school I attended, I began to pursue my dream of becoming a teacher.

When I graduated from college, I began to teach in the public school. School was my life and the children were my passion. I had the wonderful opportunity to present the gospel and some of my values each year and felt that this was where God wanted me to minister." While continuing to teach, Pam went on to get her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She was also chosen as Teacher of the Year by Calhoun County, Florida, three different years.



Then she met **Philip Detweiler (88, 89)**. They agreed that if God ever blessed them with children, Pam would become a stay-at-home mom. Phil and Pam were married three years when she became pregnant. "Suddenly the reality of what we had decided was upon us. I really wasn't sure that I wanted to stay home and no longer work in the school system. I wasn't sure I could handle staying home after nine years of teaching. I prayed quite a bit about that decision."

God answered Pam's prayer in an unexpected way. Due to complications in her pregnancy, she was forced to take sick leave before her daughter, Katie, was born. "Suddenly, my busy life came to a screeching halt. I think God was preparing me to be at home! After Katie was born, as much as I enjoyed teaching, I had an even bigger desire to stay at home with my daughter and be a vital part of her life. So now I am a homemaker, and I love it!"

What's been her greatest challenge? "My greatest challenge is to remember to make the most of every moment. Katie is only going to be little just this once. So, when she's having a bad day it's okay to spend time with her, rocking and loving her even when the house is a wreck. I want to remember to treasure our times together!"

Pam's advice to other moms: "Keep an eternal perspective. Treat those you love as if it were the last time you were going to see them, because it might be. Treasure your moments with them and live life to the fullest."

Pam and her husband Phil live in Blountstown, Florida with their daughter Katie, age 1 1/2, where they attend Bethel Mennonite Church. Phil is a Financial Specialist with the U.S. District Court in Tallahassee, FL.

Faith (Yoder) Sommers (76, 77, 81) always envisioned herself as a mother. Today, her vision is reality for her as she and her husband of twenty years, **Ed (77, 78, 81)**, parent their eight children, ages 18 to 1. Together they run Sommers' Wood-n-Door Co., with Faith working as Ed's secretary. "I very much enjoyed secretarial work as a single youth and served two years as a secretary in VS. But being a homemaker was first priority in my mind, and now that I am precisely that, I have the added benefit of being secretary for my husband's business."

They also homeschool their children, with the oldest, Jason, graduating in 1999. "My husband first had the desire to homeschool our children, and knowing that the majority of the workload would fall on me, shared his vision and we together prayed about it. I felt in agreement, reluctantly at first, but took the plunge and with the Lord's constant help we are in our 13th year!" Ed has worked right alongside of Faith. "My husband is a wonderful, strong leader and assists me so much in the routine home activities, like bathing little boys, discipling and disciplining the children, putting them to bed, letting them work/play in the shop which is next to our home. I'm grateful that we share common goals and work together to try reaching them."

One of Faith's greatest challenges as a homemaker is getting everything done: mounds of laundry, cleaning, meal preparation. "Those day-after-day necessities are my greatest challenge, and trying to do it as unto the Lord. 'A cup of cold water given in Jesus' name...' I need to remind myself occasionally

that my ministry is here to my husband and children and that is first priority, rather than looking at the ministry opportunities I may be missing out on and wishing to be more involved 'out there.' With differing gifts, strengths, and weaknesses, it is a continual challenge to meet the needs of the children. As a mother of eight, I can identify with one



who once said that when I see character qualities lacking in my children's lives, the Holy Spirit hands me a mirror. They seem to imitate my actions more than I'd like to admit; the negative ones particularly glare at me."

Her advice for other moms? "I would counsel other moms to put forth the effort to make home a fun place to be, to enjoy the children at each stage of life, to laugh a lot with your children, to plan interesting things to do with the family. Most important is to take time daily to spend with the Lord and in His Word which is so vital. I have to continually remember that I have a God who cares about everything I face and take it to Him."

Faith and Ed Sommers live near Plain City, Ohio with their eight children, Jason (18), Darren (15), Lori (13), Brian (9), Timothy (7), Nathan (5), Samuel (3), and Joshua (1). They attend United Bethel Mennonite Church.

The peaceful and loving home her parents created for her was the greatest impetus for **Deborah (Beachy) Martin (78, 79, 80)** to decide to stay at home



with her children. "My parents' loving relationship created in me a desire to one day marry and have a home of my own. Their priority was for Mom to be at home making a secure, loving atmosphere for us children."

Yet, when three children came in four years for Deb and her husband Carl, she struggled to enjoy being at home. "I allowed my exhaustion and busyness to distract me from God too much during those early years. I struggled with anger and bitterness as I did not allow God to mold and teach me. What joy and peace I could have had! I became too task oriented. When interruptions (God-given opportunities) came, I too often brushed them aside as an intrusion." Today Deborah has learned to work with her natural bent to be task-oriented. "I've learned to schedule time to interact with people, working with my personality instead of fighting it."

The greatest surprise for Deb in homemaking was the constant 24 hour/7-days-a-week responsibility. "I'm not sure how I overlooked that "little" detail, since my mother was always there for me. Mothers do need times of refreshment away from their daily responsibilities, but there are times I want to do my own thing (the Bible calls that selfishness) instead of caring for my family and home as God has asked me to."

A new responsibility for Deborah this year was as teacher to her children. "Last year God surprised us, clearly telling us to homeschool this year. At a time when private Christian schools need the support of families it was difficult to share this vision with others as we could not point to any logical reason. However, we are beginning to see some of the reasons for this change. Family time occurs more frequently and easily with homeschooling. We have been able to more quickly pick up on our children's bad habits and can tailor corrective steps."

Deborah's greatest joy in parenting has been watching her children mature and choose to follow God. "I love to laugh together until we cry, to pray for each other when we struggle, and to watch for God's answers." Their family also enjoys camping together. "Being in God's great outdoors, telling stories together around the fire at night, and just being together without the distractions of home is wondrous."

She advises other stay-at-home moms to "thank God for the opportunity of being at home with your children! It is a privilege. Let your God-given gifts shine in your home. If you take pleasure in people and see the cup as half full, not half empty, then your home can be full of joy and a delight for discouraged people to be in."

Deborah and her husband Carl live in Atmore, Alabama with their three children, Rachel (14), Sarah (11½), and Daniel (10). They attend Mennonite Christian Fellowship where they are youth sponsors.

Salt & Light Co. Finishes Tour

Rosedale Bible Institute's Salt & Light Co. toured Florida, Alabama, and Illinois February 13-20. This group of eight traveled to churches and schools to minister in music and drama.

This year's team includes **Duane Nisly** of Millersburg, IN; **Marcia Nisly** of Millersburg, IN; **Jeremy Miller** of Hutchinson, KS; **Miriam Sommers** of Fredricktown, OH; **Cheryl Heatwole** of Linnville, VA; **David Swartz** of London, OH; **Steve Horst** of Edinburg, VA; and **Rose Miller** of Middlebury, IN.



Did You Know...

- Revival Meetings were held January 13-16 with **Charles Ness** as evangelist. The meetings were a good time of renewal for the student body.
- A traveling Drama Team, calling itself **Beacons of Light**, performed for the first time ever at RBI. **Kendal Miller (98, 99, staff 00)** gave leadership to this new venture.
- RBI instructor **Elmer Lehman** and his wife **Eileen** traveled to Kenya in December to teach at the Regions Beyond Ministry's School of Ministry, which provides two weeks of intensive Bible training for African students. Elmer reports, "I was newly impressed with the School of Ministry and the impact it is having in Kenya and neighboring countries."
- **Third term** had an enrollment of 119. This was an increase from last year's enrollment of 96. **Fourth term** began on February 22 with an enrollment of 113.
- RBI is looking for a person or couple to work in **custodian/maintenance** for the 2000-2001 school year. This is a VS position with a monthly stipend and the added perk of free classes!
- RBI has a website! Visit us at www.rosedalebible.org

Library Donation To RBI



The late Sanford Shetler of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, recently donated over 1200 items to the Rosedale Bible Institute Library. Shetler was the editor of *Guidelines for Today*, and taught at Rosedale Bible Institute from 1976-1978. The donation included many books, articles, and pamphlets.

RBI Catalogs Now Available

Catalogs for the 2000-2001 school year are available for distribution. Contact RBI at (740) 857-1311.

Chorale Itinerary

- March 15 (pm) **Turkey Run Mennonite Church**
Logan, Ohio
- March 19 (am) **Siloam Mennonite Fellowship**
Goshen, Indiana
- March 19 (pm) **Townline Mennonite Church**
Goshen, Indiana
- March 22 (am) **Shekinah Christian School**
Plain City, Ohio
- March 26 (am) **Fairlawn Mennonite Church**
Applecreek, Ohio
- March 26 (pm) **Johnsville Conservative Mennonite Church**
Mt. Gilead, Ohio
- March 31 (pm) **Buffalo Mennonite Church**
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
- April 1 (pm) **Weaverland Mennonite Church**
New Holland, Pennsylvania
- April 2 (am) **Bowmansville Mennonite Church**
Bowmansville, Pennsylvania
- April 2 (pm) **Franconia Mennonite Church**
Franconia, Pennsylvania
- April 3 (pm) **Lowville Mennonite Church**
Lowville, New York
- April 4 (pm) **Hudson Community Baptist Church**
Hudson, Quebec
- April 5 (pm) **Maple View Mennonite Church**
Wellesley, Ontario
- April 6 (pm) **Maple View Mennonite Church**
Burton, Ohio
- April 7 (pm) **Light-in-the-Valley Chapel**
Sugarcreek, Ohio
- April 9 (pm) **Shiloh Mennonite Church**
London, Ohio



Rosedale Chorale

70's News

Paul Miller (77) is currently living in Au Gres, MI. After attending RBI, he worked for three years, then attended a community college where he met his wife, Jill Willard. He obtained an associate's degree in Music. He now works for a boat dealership where he manages the service department. He also is a worship leader and sings 1st tenor for the Gospel Road Quartet. He and his wife have three girls, Melissa, Chelsea, and Kaylee.



Stutzman

Ervin R. Stutzman (73, 74) has been named dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The appointment is effective July 1, 2000. He will be resigning his positions as moderator of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference and chair of the conference board of bishops

in order to assume the deanship. Stutzman succeeds George R. Brunk III. Stutzman, an ordained minister, is moderator-elect of the Mennonite Church. He also serves on the Mennonite Church General Board and the Mennonite Church Council on Faith, Life, and Strategy. He has authored several books, and written numerous articles. He holds a Ph.D. in rhetoric and communication, master of arts in religion, and an M.A. in communication arts. He and his wife Bonita are the parents of three children.

Roy Zimmerman (77, 78, 79) married Carolyn Bauman in 1980. They are currently living in Myerstown, PA. They have five children, ages 10-25. Three are adopted from the Philippines. Roy and Carolyn manage a home medical equipment company, and are involved on the local school board and in church activities. He writes, "The years at Rosedale were very instrumental in shaping my perspective to be involved in the community to make a difference. We'll forever cherish the opportunity to have been there."

80's News

Linda (Bontrager) Petersheim (89, 92) is married to Dave Petersheim. They live in Paradise, PA. Dave owns his own business making storage barns and Linda is at home with their two boys, Chandler (3) and Cameron (1).



Petersheim

Karen (Shetler) Miller (88) married Loris Miller in October, 1997. They live in Millersburg, Ohio. Loris frames houses and Karen works full-time as a dental assistant at a dentist's office. They recently bought an older home which they have spent much time redoing. They attend Mennonite Christian Assembly,

90's News

Dale (89, 90) and **Maria (Miller) (90, 91) Chupp** are living in rural Oklahoma where they help run the family's dairy farm. Dale is an auctioneer and also shows cattle at state and national shows. Maria is a stay-at-home mother of their three children: Tyler (6), Paige (3) and Justin (1). They are involved at Zion Mennonite Church as youth sponsors.

Edwin (91) and **Melissa (Slagell) (91) Detweiler** are living in South Carolina. Melissa finished nursing school in December of 1998 and Edwin graduated with his Bachelor's of Health Science degree in May, 1999. They have one daughter, Hannah (6 mo.).

Gwendolyn (Wendy Herr) Good (91) graduated from Longwood College in May of 1999 with a Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision. She is currently employed by Bedford County Public Schools in Forest, Virginia as an assistant principal at Jefferson Forest High School.

Sharon Horning (91) is currently living in Montross, VA, where she is teaching sixth grade math, science, and social studies in a public middle school. She is also working on a Master's degree in Reading and Language Arts.

Chris (92) and **Faith (Miller) (92) Knepp** live in Kalona, IA where Chris is in the construction business and Faith is a teller at a bank. They celebrated their fifth anniversary in March, 1999 by going to Jamaica for a week. They attend Upper Deer Creek Mennonite Church where they are involved on the worship team.

Brian (91) and **Julie (Nisly) (88, 91) Mast** live in Arthur, IL. Brian works with his dad at the family business, G.R. Mast Concrete. He also serves on the volunteer EMT squad and fire department. Julie is at home with their two children, Seth (4) and Abigail (1).

Since attending RBI, **Tom (95, 96)** and **Candice (Rhodes) (95) Mast** went to Ecuador through the REACH program. They were married in December, 1998. They are currently living in Harrisonburg, VA, where they are attending EMU. Tom just completed his missions major in December, 1999 and Candice is a junior Psychology major. They are involved in a small mountain church where Candice leads singing, Tom preaches, and they work with the youth. They write, "We are really enjoying our lives together—and would love to hear from anyone."

Karen Miller (98) is attending Grace College in Winona Lake, IN. She is majoring in Social Work and will graduate in 2001. After RBI she attended REACH, going to Costa Rica and Ecuador for her outreach. She writes, "It was a good, tough, growing year." She and **Kendall Hochstedler (98)** are engaged to be married in June. About RBI she says, "My year at Rosedale was a very good one and I have great memories of that time and of all my friends."

Joseph Nyakyema (93) was ordained October 17, 1999 as a Tanzanian Mennonite Church bishop. He presently teaches at Mennonite Theological College,

Musoma, Tanzania. He is a 1996 graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary. His wife **Jeanette (Mummau) (84, 93)**, formerly of Elizabethtown, PA, is an accountant/financial manager and English teacher.

Dion Peachey (96, 99) is a sophomore at EMU with a major in Elementary Education, and minors in Spanish and TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). He writes, "God is continuing to show Himself strong and faithful in my life here in the Shenandoah Valley." He and **Natacha Briceño (99)** are planning to be married in May.

Matthew (94, 95) and **Colleen (Miller) (93, 94, 95) Showalter** left for the Middle East in January 2000 for a three year commitment as church planters/missionaries. They recently graduated from Eastern Mennonite University. Matt was a Culture and Religion major, while Colleen majored in Special Education. They would appreciate your prayers in this new and challenging phase of their lives.



Showalter

Jeremy (94, 95) and **Cheryl (Fretz) (94) Steiner** are living in Winchester, Virginia, where they are assisting in church planting. Jeremy recently graduated from Cornerstone Seminary in Harrisonburg, VA. They have two children, Nathaniel and Emily.

Jason (87, 89, 90, 91) and **Rose (Troyer) (91) Yoder** are living in Goshen, IN after completing a VS term in Louisville, KY with RMM. Jason started his own construction/remodeling business in May. Rose is a stay-at-home mom with their three children, Malaina (4), Jalen (2), and Micah (3 months). They attend Siloam Fellowship where they are worship leaders and Jason is an elder. They write, "We know that God is good and he will remain the same no matter what circumstances bring!"

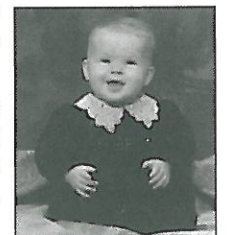
Angela Zehr (98, 99) is living in Plain City, OH where she is doing housecleaning. She writes, "I really love the church and people here and feel like this is where God wants me to be." She and **Jeff Heatwole (99, 00)** plan to marry in June.

Births

Marlin (87, 89) and **Becky (Stoltzfus) (89) Bontrager** announce the birth of Denver Elliot on December 5, 1999. Chelsy (9), Mitchell (7), Allison (5), Carson (4), and Joshua (2) welcomed him.

Dan (83) and **Lynelle (Beck) (84, 89) Delagrang** of Duran, Ecuador, are delighted to announce the birth of their son Elias Daniel.

Matthew (94) and **Heather (Peachey) (94) Funk** of Mifflinburg, PA, announce the birth of Angel Lynn on May 27, 1999. Angel is their first child.



Funk

Faculty Itinerary

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| Feb. 28–March 3 | Willard Mayer Winter Bible School at Garrett County, MD, area Mennonite churches |
| March 12-15 | Richard Showalter Renewal Meetings at Kauffman's Mennonite Church, Manheim, PA |
| March 13-17 | Willard Mayer Winter Bible School at Holmes & Wayne County, OH, area Mennonite churches |
| March 17-19 | Leon Zimmerman Youth Retreat at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury, IN |
| March 26 | Richard Showalter Spring Missions Conference, Franklin Mennonite Conference |
| March 27-31 | Willard Mayer at Gospel Haven Fellowship, Millersburg, OH |
| April 2-5 | Leon Zimmerman at Palm Grove Mennonite Church, Sarasota, FL |
| April 2-5 | Richard Showalter Renewal Meetings at Erb's Mennonite Church, Lititz, PA |
| April 2-4 | Elmer Lehman at Bethel Mennonite Church, Sarasota, FL |
| April 6 | Jon Showalter Missions Beyond 2000 with Rosedale Mennonite Missions at Belleville, OH |
| April 6-7 | Richard Showalter Missions Beyond 2000 with Rosedale Mennonite Missions at Belleville, OH |

Russell (77, 78) and Brenda (Krabill) (77, 82, 90) Gerig announce the birth of Kaelin Faith. She is their third daughter and fifth child.

Dwane (93) and Regina (93) (Miller) Glick of Atmore, AL, announce the birth of Ashlyn Nichole on October 21, 1999. She was welcomed home by Michael (4) and Jessica (2).

Scott (81, 82, 86) and Linette (Stutzman) (86) Hochstedler of Fredricksburg, OH, announce the birth of Coralee Ann on November 4, 1999. She was welcomed by Kara (8), Hannah (6), Douglas (5), and Jerrielle (3)

Kimberly Renee was born to Greg and **Rachel (Yoder) (90) Hobson** of Wabash, IN on December 27, 1999. She was welcomed by big brother Joshua (2).

Trenton Lee was born to **Alan (88, 89) and Sandra (Sonifrank) (92) Jantzi** of Au Gres, MI, on December 14, 1999. Brittany (3 1/2) and Tyler (2) welcomed him.

Audrey (Zimmerman) (93) and Robert Kanagy of Meridian, MS, announce the birth of Josiah Robert, born September 16, 1999. He is their first child.

Jeff (91) and Wendy **Mast** of Sarasota, FL, announce the birth of Bailee Nicole on August 25, 1999. She is their first child.

Rodney and **Christine (Miller) (94) Mast** of Crawford, MS, are happy to announce the birth of Joshua Glenn on November 4, 1999. He was welcomed by Rebecca (2 1/2).

Steve (92) and Jana (Mullett) (92) Mast of Goshen, IN announce the birth of Whitney Sierra on May 17, 1999. Alex (5) and Brooke (3) welcomed her home.

LaMont and **Marideth (Mullet) (85, 91) Miller** of Goshen, IN announce the birth of Audrey Mariah on October 16, 1999. Big brother Luke (2) welcomed her.

Sabrina Colleen was born to **Davy (91, 95) and Collette (Miller) (93, 95, 98) Slabaugh** of Columbus, OH, on August 11, 1999. She is their first child.

Jeremy (94, 95) and Cheryl (Fretz) (94) Steiner of Winchester, VA, announce the birth of Emily Dawn on November 25, 1999. Big brother Nathaniel (2) welcomed her.

Hope (Gehman) (87) and Cliff VerMumf of Laureldale, PA, announce the birth of Katelyn Joy on June 22, 1999. She was welcomed by Maryanna Grace (2 1/2).

Eric (93,94) and Carol (Schrock) (94) Wanga of Lancaster, PA, announce the birth of Keshia Joy on November 7, 1999. She is their first child.

Jason (87, 89, 90, 91) and Rose (Troyer) (91) Yoder of Goshen, IN, announce the birth of Micah Joel on November 27, 1999. Malaina (4) and Jalen (2) welcomed him home.

Sheldon (92-94) and Julie (Mast) (92-95) Yoder of Hilliard, OH, announce the birth of Brendon Jacob. Ryan (1 1/2) welcomed him.

Ana Lisa was born to Dean and **Lisa (Moser) (92, 93) Zook** of Newmanstown, PA, on October 18, 1999. She is their first child.



Zook

Marriages

Dale Keller (94) and Jolene Byler were married on February 22, 2000.

Michael Yoder (95, 96) and Stephanie Smoker were married January 29, 2000.

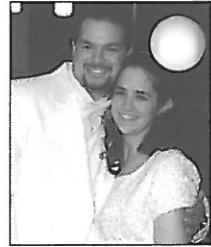
Brendan Nolt (93, 94) and Anita Longenecker (94) were married December 30, 1999 at Buffalo Mennonite Church, Lewisburg, PA.

Tim Battles and **Carita Beachy (95)** were married at Shiloh Mennonite Church, London, OH, on November 27, 1999.

Steve Kemp (77, 78, 80) of Neddles, CA and Estella Yano were married at a small ceremony on the island of Cebu in the Philippines where she resided. The couple now resides in Needles, CA where Steve works as a Flight Nurse.

Mark Sarver (97-99) of Johnstown, OH, and **Megan Miller (99)** of Kalona, IA, were married at

Fairview Mennonite Church, Kalona, on November 6, 1999. They are currently living in the Kalona area.



Sarver

Engagements

Dianna Gingerich (99) of Plain City, OH is engaged to Matt Conrad, also of Plain City. They are planning a May 27th wedding.

Jeff Heatwole (99, 00) of McGaheysville, VA and **Angela Zehr (98, 99)** of Plain City, OH announce their engagement and plans to marry on June 3, 2000.

Jill Hertzler (98) of Powhatan, VA and Obe Hostetter of Harrisonburg, VA are engaged to be married on May 27, 2000.

Kendall Hochstedler (98) and Karen Miller (98) announce their engagement and plans for a June 10th wedding.

Dion Peachey (96, 99) and Natacha Briceno (99) announce their engagement and plans to marry on May 20, 2000.

Marvin Plank (93, 94) of Loudonville, OH, and Becky Zook of Red Lake, Ontario, are engaged to be married in July 15, 2000.

Jason Weber (94, 95) of Atmore, AL and **Joyce Bontrager (97)** of Middlebury, IN, announce their engagement and plans to marry on July 15, 2000.

Dave Yoder (96, 97) of Uniontown, OH and **Amy Hochstedler (95, 96, 00 staff)** of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, announce their engagement and plans to marry on July 22nd.

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Achieving Greatness

Former RBI music instructor Pablo Kauffman recently dumped off a box of old music magazines in my office. He said that I could use them or pass them on to the next "unsuspecting victim." While perusing the magazines, I've journeyed back in time to the early 1900's and hung around with the musical elite of Europe and America. I've received lots of advice on how to be a disciplined musician and what to do to achieve greatness.

As I was reading, however, I realized that most, if not all, of these pontificates are now dead. These great musicians who were at one time at the top of the musical world have been forgotten. No one remembers their names or what they did. It showed the futility of trying to bring lasting honor to ourselves. How much better to use our time, money and talents in ways that will have lasting effects.

Ken Miller—Director of Financial Development

Out of the Archives...



The Ambassadors Quartet (L to R): Laban Miller, Fran Overholt, Lloyd Kauffman, Paul (Pablo) Kauffman

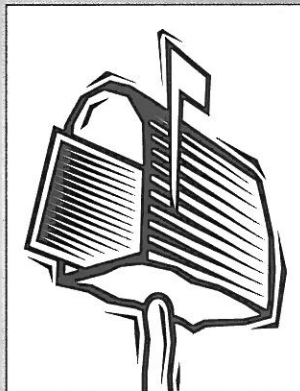
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True Hospitality

by Naomi Zimmerman



Editor's note: in honor of our homemaker career focus issue, President Leon Zimmerman asked his wife, a full-time mother of their four children, to write this Reflections.

While we were out-of-state having meetings, a widow from the church contacted us to invite us to her home for a Sunday afternoon meal.

No tablecloth, china or fancy place settings graced the table. Instead, only simple bowls, glasses and the necessary utensils were used. She served a delicious meal of soup. She explained that she had just completed a busy week and had had to work unexpectedly the day before. Some of her family was there to join us with this meal. Together they talked about the many things that God had done for them and of His faithfulness in various experiences. We left that home warmed and blessed.

Another time I was invited to a friend's home and she apologized again and again because her rolls were "just a bit overdone" and her meal was so simple. "I was hoping to prepare a different kind of dessert. I wanted to try a new recipe, but just ran out of time." She then wishfully talked on and on

about the kind of house she longed for in order to be able to entertain the way she really wanted to. I left there tired.

Some say that hospitality is a gift. Others say that it is a command. Could it be that hospitality is an attitude? It is an attitude that says that at any given time I have room in my heart and home for you. This is because I am trusting God to use you in my life, and to use me in yours.

This attitude overlooks the dust on the furniture, the simple meal, and the outdated decor. It doesn't need a new house nor an old one that has been redone to match the latest designs. It doesn't need food that is as attractive as the latest issue of *Taste of Home*. It doesn't need lots of space. It simply needs a heart that is willing to sacrifice in order to touch the lives of others. Could it be that our busyness and preoccupation with things has robbed us? It has robbed us of relationships. It has robbed us of friendships which enrich us—ones we may not have experienced had we not been willing to make some sacrifices.

May those of us who make a home, whether male or female, single or married, have this Latin American saying as our motto—"Mi casa es tu casa." My house is your house.

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